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SUBJECT: REALM COMMISSION RECOMMENDS ESTABLISHMENT OF
PARA- MILITARY FORCES FOR SURINAM AND ANTILLES

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 1635

(B) THE HAGUE 1180

SUMMARY: NOT WISHING TO WAIT FOR PREPARATION OF FINAL REPORT
DEALING WITH ALL INDEPENDENCE- RELATED QUESTIONS BEFORE REALM
COMMISSION, COMMISSION ISSUED INTERIM REPORT JUNE 5 LIMITED
TO INTERNAL SECURITY IN SURINAM AND ANTILLES AND RECOMMENDING
CREATION OF PARA- MILITARY FORCES UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF GOVTS
OF SURINAM AND ANTILLES. UNDER THIS PROPOSAL, DUTCH ARMED FORCES
WOULD NO LONGER HAVE ANY INTERNAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES IN
SURINAM AND ANTILLES. AND PROGRAMS FOR " SURINAMIZATION" AND
" ANTILLEANIZATION" OF DUTCH FORCES IN " THE WEST" WOULD BE
TERMINATED. END SUMMARY.

1. REALM COMMISSION ISSUED INTERIM REPORT ON JUNE 5 RECOMMENDING
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ANTILLES. BASING ITSELF ON ASSUMPTION THAT SURINAM AND ANTILLES WILL SOON ENTER TRANSITIONAL PHASE TO INDEPENDENCE, REALM COMMISSION EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SUPPORT FOR POLICE IN MAINTAINING INTERNAL ORDER AND SECURITY IN SURINAM AND ANTILLES SHOULD BE RENDERED BY ORGANS UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF GOVTS OF SURINAM AND ANTILLES, AND THAT NETHS FORCES SHOULD NOT BE UTILIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE. TO THIS END, COMMISSION RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE PARA- MILITARY FORCES FOR SURINAM AND ANTILLES WHOSE PRIMARY MISSION WOULD BE TO SUPPORT POLICE IN CASES OF SERIOUS BREACHES OF LAW AND ORDER. COMMISSION ALSO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT CREATION OF SUCH FORCES WOULD BE STEP TOWARD INDEPENDENCE.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH SETTING UP PARA- MILITARY FORCES, PROGRAMS FOR " SURINAMIZATION" AND " ANTILLEANIZATION" OF DUTCH MILITARY FORCES IN SURINAM AND ANTILLES WOULD BE DISCONTINUED. COMMISSION EXPRESSED EXPECTATION THAT AFTER INDEPENDENCE SURINAM WOULD OPT FOR CREATION OF AN ARMED FORCES ESTABLISHMENT, WHEREAS THE ANTILLES WOULD NOT. IN CASE OF SURINAM, THEREFORE, PROPOSED PARA- MILITARY FORCE WOULD BE CORE OF FUTURE ARMED FORCES.

3. COMMISSION RECOMMENDED CREATION OF TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO WORK OUT MODALITIES OF ESTABLISHING PARA- MILITARY FORCES, INCLUDING FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES. FULL TEXT OF INTERIM REPORT BEING TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM.

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